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The anti-trust settlement benefits to schools and libraries seems a lot like what was already being done by Microsoft through the Gates Foundation "grants" which were supposed to help poor institutions, and supply low cost assistance to others.

A close look at the assistance reveals that the USDOJ should have consulted with both K-12 and public libraries to see that the "help" was minimal, the proposed new help would be even less effective, and probably provide more of a write off for Microsoft, thus being an additional smokescreen by Microsoft.

I would suggest contacting representatives of all size public and K-12 libraries, and possibly the ALA www.ala.org, for a better picture of the failure of these processes to help K-12 and public libraries, and their actual benefit to Microsoft.

I would suggest you contact public librarians who are members of the Suburban Library System in Suburban Chicago, such as my wife, Krista Kloepper to see how laughable the Gates Foundation and later Microsoft assistance is.

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